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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH**

CITY HALL, ROOM 12

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2012, 5:30 PM

Attending: Austin Sumner, David Casey, Mary Hart, William Ward, Linda Ayer, Gene Bergman Public: Urban Ag Coalition representatives: Allyson Nihard, Anthony Naropino, Megan Sterns, Absent: Caroline Tassey, Emma Hevey, Grace Hevey

Meeting called to order by Chair, Austin Sumner at 5:50 PM 8:15 PM adjourned.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of April 11, 2013	Agenda Amendments: Re-ordered agenda items to begin meeting with the Public Forum and Staff Reports.Approved Chairs Report UP	Approved minutes as written. Approved amended agenda

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2. Public Forum	Pesticide Application from Global Industries – Flynn Ave. site. The name of the pesticide has been changed from Accord to Rodeo. Same area and amount of pesticide will be applied as in the past.	<p>Approved that Global Industries can apply pesticides as they have in the past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Officer, William Ward, will conduct a site visit with a BOH member and report back to the Board. • Notification to be mailed to Sid Decell, Site Manager, about BOH approval.
3. Urban Agriculture 6:05 PM – 7:05)	<p>Megan Sterns - Humane Society of Chittenden County Allyson Nihart - Burlington Food Council, Anthony Iarrapino – Conservation Law Foundation Committee Gene Bergman – City Attorney’s Office</p> <p>Reviewed the proposed Slaughter Ordinance with the BOH and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Hazard of Slaughtering Animals in Burlington • No Medical/epidemiological studies done • Megan Sterns and David Casey’s interviews on TV – presenting animal slaughter as safe from a public health perspective – needing more preparation. • How to collect data to make an informed public health decision. • How much time to devote to this issue • Gather more public input on the issue similar to that solicited on the F-35. <p>Comments: Mary Hart: State regulations already supercede anything that the city would do. Commercial slaughtering is already regulated and to let public know that they cannot trade or sell their slaughtered animals in Burlington.</p>	<p>Approved to postpone submission of the draft of the slaughter ordinance to City Council for review for 90 days.</p> <p>Approved formation of a work group comprised of:</p> <p>BOH Member - David Casey Health Officer - Bill Ward Human Society - Megan Sterns Conservation Law Partnership - Anthony Narapino Burlington Food Council – Allyson Nihart City Attorney Office - Gene Bergman Group And other stakeholders: i.e. UVM Extension, BPD, VDH, Dept. of Agriculture, etc.</p> <p>Approved that the work group will incorporate the zoning ordinance and further refine the proposed husbandry and slaughter ordinance.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Approved that the chair of the work group will report on progress monthly to the BOH. David Casey to do some more research on uninspected meat v. inspected meat.</p>

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	<p>Austin Sumner: Clarified that commercial slaughter is excluded from the city ordinance. That the city ordinance would allow urban farmers to slaughter own livestock for their own consumption. Not to include commercial and not to enter into the stream of commerce.</p> <p>Correction – There is no Federal, State, or local law or ordinance preventing an individual in Vermont (including within the City of Burlington) from selling uninspected meat as long as this meat is clearly labeled as such (I.E. “Uninspected Meat”). This point was made by Attys Bergman and Iarrapino.</p> <p>Gene Bergman: Currently no regulation in the city ordinance about inspections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current state standard as of April 13, 2013; the slaughter and sale of backyard chickens need to be labeled that they are not inspected and must include safe handling instructions, name of farm, zip code, uninspected. <p>Mary Hart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded that there are less than acceptable agricultural practices that are exempted from zoning enforcement. <p>Megan Stern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greatest concern is enforcement as the police are not equipped. • Humane Society is NOT supporting slaughter. • Suggests starting with a <i>husbandry</i> ordinance and then move slaughter. 	
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	<p>Gene Bergman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city's authority comes from its charter. • The city cannot be contrary to state law, but when there is nothing covered in state law, the city can devise a circumstance. • City regulation doesn't replace, but parallels the state and addresses particular issues to the city's specific concerns. • Law officers would need to enforce the ordinance and they currently do not have capacity. There would need to be a specific delegation of enforcement of the ordinance. • Zoning prevents slaughter within close proximity to other residences. City can overlay additional health and safety laws. An ordinance can make sure it is in a regulated location. <p>NPA 2 & 3 Surveys indicated No Slaughter in Burlington. Planning and Zoning only wants to weigh in on structures for livestock.</p>	
<p>4. Chair's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to City Council 	Submitted annual report to city council w/ signatures of all BOH members.	
<p>5. Strategic Planning Emergency Preparedness</p>	<p>Examples of NIMS protocols for Incident Briefing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map/Sketch • Situation Summary and Health and Safety Briefing • Current & Planned Objectives • Current and Planned Actions, 	William Ward to provide BOH with documents showing a variety of formats and forward information regarding the Marathon event.

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	<p>Strategies and Tactics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of Personnel • Resource Summary • Incident Objectives 	
6. DRUG AWARENESS	<p>Mary Hart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed a recent article in the BFP regarding poor documentation and record keeping by several suboxone prescribers. Are there safeguards in place to ensure that this is a sound avenue for treatment and recovery? <p>Julie Hathaway: Met with Mariah Sanderson of Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community and talked about the possibility of working together to educate health care providers about overprescribing.</p> <p>Discussed current legislation H.522, “An act relating to strengthening Vermont’s response to opioid addiction and methamphetamine abuse”, specifically mentioning the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System and the Unused Drug Disposal Program Proposal.</p> <p>Comments: David Casey: Recommends that BOH draft a resolution supporting or not supporting this kind of legislation.</p> <p>BOH involvement in HUB/SPOKE to be put on hold as the program is not at the point of recruiting new prescribers yet.</p>	<p>Julie Hathaway: As the legislation addresses many issues the BOH has been discussing, does the BOH want to look into participation/input into the committee set up by legislature to evaluate the VPMS?</p> <p>As a government agency, can BOH lobby or testify?</p>

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	<p>Unsure of role of BOH in this effort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps educating about overprescribing and managing chronic pain differently and better? • Foster partnerships with other organizations to educate providers and patients. • Support liquor licensing board enforcement in Burlington • Encourage public information regarding heroin use, obtain reliable numbers related to use, and provide information on HELP options and interventions. 	
<p>7. Staff Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Enforcement Update • Healthy Lawns, Healthy Lives (HLHL) • Web Updates/Front Porch Forum 	<p>Written Report Submitted: Addendum A Re: SMOPS (student move out) – Code arranged with Casella for roll off dumpster. Working with Restore to be sure the city is clean and secure for the Marathon weekend.</p> <p>NAN advertisement did not go out in color. Will be sure it is color next year.</p> <p>Orientation for new Lawn Lab participants is Wednesday, May 15, 2013 @ 5:30 Robert Miller. 18 people have expressed interest.</p> <p>Next posting on FPF- Rabies Update. Distributed topics list and calendar deadlines for postings to be vetted before publication by the BOH.</p>	<p>William Ward to coordinate with police department for contact information on Rabies posting.</p> <p>Each BOH member to write two postings on a variety of topics for next 3 months of FPF</p>

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8. Agenda Items/Next Meeting	School Inspections Food Safety Recruit for New Interns Alcohol Density Mapping City of Burlington GOLD Level Walkable/Bikeable Community. HLHL	
9. Adjournment	Adjourned 8:15 PM	

ADDENDUM A: (CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

To: The Burlington Board of Health

From: Bill Ward/Health Officer

Date: 5-8-13

Subject: Code Enforcement update from the Health Officer for April/May 2013

Operations

Inspections

The year to date total of Minimum Housing inspections for 2013 is 962 units. The target number is 250 rental units per month, so we are slightly below the 1,000 unit figure expected in 4 months.

Rental safety concerns

No units were deemed unfit during the last month.

Key projects for April/May

Budget Preparation

The Departmental budget was approved by the Mayor and presented to the Board of Finance on April April 22, 2013. Final approval will require passage by the full City Council before June 30, 2013. Current FY13 departmental budget totals after 83% of the fiscal year: we are at 96% for revenue totals and 67% of expense totals year to date.

Student Move Out

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The inspection staff is gearing up for a busy rental move out season. We have a Spring Move Out Project (SMOP) taking place on May 23, 2013 with event locations on Loomis Street and Bradley street. The SMOP event has over a decade of success in reducing disorder in the neighborhoods by locating central drop off locations for items to be donated, reused or left for proper disposal. This season will be particularly challenging because it precedes Marathon weekend by one day. The success of SMOP will be critical in keeping our streets looking organized for marathon guests and particularly along the marathon route.

Health Message

The Vermont Department of Health informed me this week that the Burlington Police Department recently submitted a skunk for rabies testing. It was acting strangely in the Cherry lane area of Burlington – no known exposure – Community Service Officer Joseph Cortow of BPD submitted the skunk. It was confirmed positive on 5/3 and CSO Cortow was going to let some of the neighbors know about the positive test result. I would ask the Board of Health to consider use one of our Front Porch Forum postings to issue a message about Rabies with a link the VT Department of Health web page on Rabies.

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